



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, upcoming training, available grants and loans, relevant Web sites, job opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For more information, contact M. Castain (415) 972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or visit Web site: http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html

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Tribal Program Newsletter

The soul would have no rainbow if the eye had no tears (Native American)

Meetings and conferences



Sept. 12-14 Northeast Regional Conference of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Charleston, RI

The host is the Narragansett Indian Tribe. Please go to the following Web site to learn more about the conference, obtain a copy of the draft agenda and/or a registration form: <http://www.narragansett-tribe.org/conference.htm> . Also you may contact Natural Resources Director Dinalyn Spears at (401) 364-1100.

Sept 18-21 National Forum on Contaminants in Fish, Baltimore, MD

The 2005 Forum is jointly cosponsored by EPA and Maryland Department of the Environment. The Forum is an annual event designed to bring together public health and environmental officials from states, tribes, and other interested parties to present and discuss issues related to assessing and managing potential health risks associated with dietary exposure to bioaccumulative chemical contaminants. To register for the Fish Forum, go to the registration section on the Fish Forum Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/fish/forum/2005>



Sept 18-23 20th Annual Hazardous Materials Management Conference on Household and Small Business Waste, Tacoma, WA

For more information, contact Jim Quinn, Hazardous Waste Program Manager, Metro 600 NE Grand, Portland, OR 97232 (503) 797-1662, or quinnj@metro.dst.or.us



**Sept 20-22 Tribal Leadership for Today and Tomorrow, “Remembering Our Past”
Sacramento, CA**



Sept 23 38th Annual California Indian Day, Sacramento, CA

For more information about the two events above, please contact Susan Gonzales or Tala York, CSUS at (800) 858-7743 or (916) 278-4433. Also, you may visit Web site <http://www.tribalsummit.com>



Sep 30-Oct 2 Western Mining Action Network, “Healthy Communities”, Worley, ID

The 2005 conference will feature a wide variety of panel and discussion topics around issues of community health. The conference will include workshops that address mining and impacts to public health, issues surrounding uranium and diamond mining, transboundary cooperation, use of traditional ecological knowledge in mine project reviews, and alternative economic development for communities facing new mine proposals as well as in communities where mines currently operate. For more information, contact Sarah Keeney (405) 879-6711 or email sarahekeeney@cox.net



Oct 3-6 National Tribal Air Association Conference, Uncasville, CT

For more information, contact Bob Gruenig, (505) 242-2175.

Oct 5-7 Nevada Indian Agricultural and Environmental Summit, Reno, NV

The theme of this year's summit is learning how to “maximize your net profit” thru natural resources. If you are an individual, tribe or agency who deals with either agricultural and/or natural resources on an Indian Reservations, please consider attending this summit. For registration information, contact Staci Emm at (775) 945-3444.



Oct 24-26 First Western Wetland Conference, Denver, CO

The goal of this conference is to bring together wetland scientists, managers, conservationists and other professionals who work with wetlands to learn from these challenges and develop creative solutions. Conference topics include: wetland management in arid environments, gathering and using information, wetland protection and conservation, linking wetland science and management. This conference is sponsored by the Montana Watercourse, EPA, and the

Society for Wetland Scientists Rocky Mountain Chapter. For more information visit the conference website: <http://www.mtwatercourse.org/wwc/index.htm>, call the Montana Watercourse, (406) 994-6671 or email mtwatercourse@montana.edu.

Oct 24-25 Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC), Coarsegold, CA

Contact: Lilia Dignan (415) 972-3779 or email dignan.lilia@epa.gov

Oct 26-28 13th Region 9 Annual Tribal/EPA, Coarsegold, CA

This conference will be co-hosted with the Picayune Rancheria. For more information, please contact Sam Elizondo (559) 683-6633, email selizondo@chukchansi.com or visit the following Web page: <http://www.chuchansigold.com/epa>

Nov. 2-4 2005 Brownfield Conference, Denver, CO

This uniquely-designed conference sponsored by U.S. EPA, Region 8 will feature environmental issues facing the west including tribal brownfields, mining sites, watershed issues, and rural community issues. For more information regarding conference attendance, presentation opportunities, exhibits or poster sessions, check out the 2005 Web site: <http://www.brownfields2005.org> or contact the Region 8 Coordinator, Robin Coursen at coursen.rob@epa.gov.



Nov 7-9 California Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution Conference, Measuring Water Quality Improvements, Sacramento, CA:

The conference will highlight projects and practices being used to successfully address the leading cause of water quality impairments in California NPS pollution. The goal is to foster the exchange of ideas, experiences, success stories and lessons learned to improve water quality programs and related watershed projects. This event will build on the successful 2001 and 2003 NPS Pollution Conferences and will include plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, a poster reception, field trips, training workshops and plenty of networking opportunities. For more information, please go to <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/nps/fall2005.html>



Dec. 2 Storm water and Surface-water quality, Nashville, TN

This accredited workshop is packed with critical information for storm water- and surface-water-quality professionals. It is presented by leaders in the field and is designed for professional storm water managers as well as municipal

and government leaders, federal agency representatives, engineers, contractors, consultants, and distributors. For more information, please go to <http://www.stormcon.com/nashville>



Jan 24-25 Tribal Relations Symposium for Executive Leaders, Fort McDowell, AZ

This symposium will provide techniques needed to work collaboratively with Tribal and federal government leaders; to strengthen and expand government-to-government collaboration and partnerships and to build workforce capacity within the agencies to enable employees in tribal relations. For more information, contact Kathy Pedrick, Symposium Coordinator, (623) 580-5568 or email at Kathy_Pedrick@blm.gov

Mar 26-29 21st International Conference on Solid Waste, Philadelphia, PA

Researchers, educators, government officials, students, consultants, managers, community leaders, and others with expertise in solid waste are invited to submit papers for oral presentation at this conference. For more information, please write or call Dr. Ronald L. Mersky, Conference Chair, Department of Civil Engineering, Widener University, 1 University Place, Chester, PA 19013-5792 U.S.A (610) 499 4042 4461, solid.waste@widener.edu. The deadline for submission of abstracts is October 30, 2005.

May 7-11 5th National Monitoring Conference: Connecting for Clean Water, San Jose, CA

The conference is hosted by the National Water Quality Monitoring Council and will highlight how various networks – including monitoring designs, information exchanges, and the Internet – connect all of us working for clean water. EPA and USGS are members of this council. The conference will provide an expanded national forum for volunteer monitoring program coordinators to exchange information, develop skills, and build better networks. If you would like to submit an abstract, have questions about the conference, or would like to be placed on a mailing list, contact the 2006 Monitoring Conference Coordinator at NWQMC2006@tetratex-ffx.com or call (410) 356-8993 or visit their Web site at www.nwqmc.org. Abstracts must be received no later than September 16, 2005.

Training



The Nielson Environmental Field School

Oct. 6-7 Ground Water Sampling Field Course, Bedford, MA

Oct. 17-18 Ground Water Sampling Field Course, Ann Arbor, MI

Oct 20-21 Ground Water Sampling Field Course, Grand Rapids, MI

Oct 31-Nov 1 Ground Water Sampling Field Course, Oklahoma, City, OK

Nov 10-11 Ground Water Sampling Field Course, Houston, TX

Oct 3-4 Ground-Water Monitoring Well Design, Construction & Development,
Hartford, CT

Nov 3-4 Ground-Water Monitoring Well Design, Construction & Development, Dallas,
TX

Nov 7-8 Ground-Water Monitoring Well Design, Construction & Development, San
Antonio, TX

These 8 courses are specifically designed to meet the environmental training needs of environmental consultants, contractors & laboratory staff, government agency environmental staff, federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal, industry environmental staff: petrochemical, utility, landfill, manufacturing, mining and others. For more information, contact us at info@envirofieldschool.com or visit Web site at www.envirofieldschool.com



Sept 13 Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), Sacramento, CA

DTSC is hosting an all-day free workshop on bioavailability of lead and arsenic. For more information, please contact John P. Christopher, California EPA (916).255-6630 or email JChristo@dtsc.ca.gov or Dr.Tox@comcast.net

Environmental Protection Training, Region 9

Sept 21-22 Wellhead Analytic Element Model (WhAEM)

The purpose of the training is to teach tribes to use a computer-based ground-water flow modeling system to develop Source Water Assessment Plans (SWAP). This training will be hands-on and will use the WhAEM program to delineate source water protection areas. This is a follow-up course to July's SWAP training held in Sacramento, CA. The course is sponsored by EPA Region 9. For more information, please call Jamelya Curtis (415) 972-3529 or email curtis.jamelya@epa.gov



Sept 28-29 Underground Storage Tank (UST) Inspector Training, Seattle, WA

This entry level two-day course is an excellent primer for new UST inspectors or anyone who needs a comprehensive overview of the requirements for UST systems. Get simple explanations on complex rules from top experts in the field, plus get practical advice on real-world site conditions to ensure you are better

prepared for the nuances of compliance inspections. For more information, please visit http://www.nwetc.org/wpol-405_09-05_seattle.htm or download a course information packet at: http://www.nwetc.org/FILES/wpol-405_09-05_seattle.pdf

Penn State University

Oct 31-Nov 1 Wastewater Biology, Santa Rosa, CA

Nov 3-4 Wastewater Biology, Santa Rosa, CA

Penn State Wastewater Biology courses stress a biological approach to wastewater operations and are designed for operators, technicians, and engineers involved in the daily operation and troubleshooting of wastewater treatment processes. For more information, visit <http://www.outreach.psu.edu/C&I/WastewaterBiology/>

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at North Arizona University (ITEP/NAU)

Sept 13-16 Introduction to Tribal Air Quality, Lawrence, KS

Sept 19-23 Emissions Inventory (Level 3), Flagstaff, AZ

Oct 11-14 Education Outreach for AQ Professionals, Flagstaff, AZ

Oct 12-14 Dataloggers, Las Vegas, NV

Oct 18-21 Reviewing State Title V Permits, Green Bay, WI

Nov 14-18 Air Pollution Technology, Las Vegas, NV

As with most ITEP courses, ITEP will pay for participants travel and lodging as well as reimburse them for their per diem expenses. For more information, please contact Todd Barnell, (928) 523-3840 (phone); (928)-523-1266 (fax) or www.nau.edu/itep

Research Training Institute

Sept 13-14 CERCLA Orientation and Remedial Investigations,

For more information, please call (706) 951-5685 or visit <http://www.RTII.org>

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars for September 2005 is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047, (505) 281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

Sept 13-16 CST 109, Basic Inspector Training, Denver, CO

Nov 1-3 Introduction to NEPA/309 Review course, Washington, DC

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) courses provide information and skills necessary to prepare and review environmental assessments and environmental impact statements as mandated by NEPA and EPA's review and comment mandate under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The courses are open to newcomers to the NEPA program, associate NEPA reviewers, environmental reviewers from other federal agencies and as a refresher course for more experienced staff. If you have any questions, the course point of contact is Arthur Totten (202) 564-7164; fax: (202) 564-0072; email: totten.arthur@epa.gov.

NETI, in cooperation with EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, is pleased to present a new Web-based class, "Introduction to the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program and Basic UST Inspector Training Courses" (UST 901). These courses are designed to meet the training requirements for inspectors under EPA Order 3500.1. They orient new employees, provide refresher training, and supplement annual training for the UST program. Topics include preparation for field inspections, on-site equipment inspections, compliance records review, purpose and goals of the UST program, history of the UST program, financial responsibility requirements, and the federal UST regulations.

Also, the most up-to-date list of enforcement/compliance monitoring courses offered by EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance is available online. For more information on how to register, go to <http://www.netionline.com> and click on the Catalog and Schedule button. Start class in your own office!

Indian Country Environmental Hazard Assessment Project (ICEHAP)

This free course is presented by volunteers and is available upon request. The volunteers will come to you and participants will learn methods for identifying and assessing environmental health hazards in the home, workplace, and community. The goal of ICEHAP is to introduce participants to specific environmental problems that may cause harm to tribal communities. Participants

will learn methods for identifying and assessing environmental health hazards in the home, workplace, and community. With the information provided, participants will be able to prioritize environmental problems and identify available resources for their resolution. A model will be presented to illustrate how a community-based approach can be taken to successfully solve a community environmental health problem. For more information, contact Harvard School of Public Health, Attn: Barbara Blanchard, 677 Huntington Ave., CCPE-Dept A, Boston MA 02115-6096 (617) 384-8687 or email: bblancha@hsph.harvard.edu

Inter Trial Council of Arizona (ITCA)

Sept. 12-16 AIUST Inspector Certification Module III--Operations and Maintenance Training and Examination, Green Bay, WI

To obtain more information on the above course, please call Carl T. Jeffries at (602) 258-4822

Asset Management, Rate Analysis and Benchmarking Workshops

In September the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, in conjunction with Southern Illinois University, will conduct six sets of workshops on asset management and rate analysis and two on benchmarking. All sessions are free to participants. Managers, staff, decision-makers of these systems, consultants and assistance providers should take advantage of these training opportunities. Using these strategies could mean tens of thousands of dollars in additional revenue or reduced costs to small systems and millions to medium and large systems. To register or to learn more about the workshops go to <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/oac/rmi-catalog.htm> or call the Natural Resources Department at (800) 361-4827.

Grants and loans

The Western Regional Office Web site includes lots of useful funding information. For monthly summaries of funding opportunities and other funding resources, go to: http://www.eere.energy.gov/regions/western/financial_opps.html

CAL/EPA Environmental Justice (EJ) Small Grants Funding

The Cal/EPA Secretary has established the EJ Small Grants Program to assist eligible community-based, grassroots, non-profit entities with federal Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) status, and federally recognized Tribal governments to address EJ issues as authorized by California Code of Regulations Title 27, Division 1, Chapter 3, Article 1. However, organizations that are tax-exempt under the 501(c) (4) section of the federal Internal Revenue Code, and individuals are not eligible for grant funding. The EJ Small Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in grant funds are

available for this grant cycle. Projects may be funded with a maximum amount of \$20,000 per project. Application deadline is October 14, 2005. For more information or to obtain an application package, please visit

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/Funding/SmallGrants.htm>

Housing and Community Development in California

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones, (916) 263-0466 or email ajones@hcd.ca.gov or visit

<http://www.housing.hcd.ca.gov/ca/cdbg/>



Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside

U.S. EPA is soliciting proposals from tribes in Region 9 (California, Arizona, and Nevada) under the Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Program. This program provides the opportunity for Region 9 tribes to obtain EPA grants for improvements to public water systems (PWS). The funding will be used to address the most significant public health threats posed by inadequate public drinking water system infrastructure. The new arsenic standard of 10 ppb takes effect in January of 2006 so all systems with arsenic levels at 10 ppb or higher should be in the process of achieving this standard. When submitting proposals, applicants can request assistance for a feasibility study or, if a study has already been completed, for construction funding. Project proposal forms (and feasibility studies if applicable) must be postmarked by October 24, 2006. The solicitation is available on the EPA Region 9 Grants website at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/rfps.html>. For more information, please contact your EPA PWS Program Manager or call Sara Jacobs at (415) 972-3564.



Indian Health Service Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

The Indian Health Service selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov/> through a public login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or “seed money” to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Multi-Year Cleanup Initiative

EPA Region 9 recently announced the Indian Country LUST multi-year cleanup initiative. Using LUST trust funds, EPA will pay for site assessments and cleanups on LUST sites on tribal lands. EPA has contracted a Native Alaskan-owned firm, Bristol Environmental, to assist with the work. EPA has identified more than 200 LUST sites on the lands of 17 different tribes. Further sites may be identified as the work progresses. For more information, please contact Carl Warren, UST Program Office, at (415) 972-3355 or warren.carl@epa.gov

California Bay-Delta Authority science grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, please visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at (877) 408-9310.

CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations

To automatically receive more information about other CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations go to <http://www.calwater.ca.gov/ListServe/listsub-1.asp?Choice=1>. Contact Dan Ray of the California Bay-Delta Authority, Ecosystem Restoration Program at (916) 445-5243 if you need more information.

California Endowment Program

California Endowment Program awards grants to organizations and institutions that directly benefit the health and well-being of Californians, and those that work to provide and expand access to affordable, quality health care for California's under served individuals and communities. The endowment offers the following two open application grant programs designed to fund ideas and approaches to health improvements generated at the community level:

- (1) CommunitiesFirst accepts applications year-round and is rooted in the understanding that communities are central to health improvements; and that inclusion, partnership and community ownership are critical to addressing issues successfully.
- (2) The Local Opportunities Fund provides grants of up to \$50,000 to organizations that are addressing important health issues on a local level. Applications are reviewed following deadlines in January, May and September.

For more information concerning the above grant opportunities, please go to <http://www.calendow.org/opportunities/index.stm> or call (800) 449-4149.

Smart Growth Implementation Assistance

The Development, Community and Environment Division in U.S. EPA's Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation is seeking applications from communities that want to develop ways to meet environmental community goals. A team of multidisciplinary experts will provide technical assistance to communities that are selected. For more information and application materials, please go to: http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sg_implementation.htm or call Mary Kay (Santore) Bailey, (202) 566-2859.

Miscellaneous items



Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan (SRF) Program.

The State Water Resources Control Board is inviting public comment on proposed amendments to the SRF Loan Policy. The SRF Loan Program provides low-interest loans for the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment and water recycling facilities, correction of non-point source and storm water drainage pollution problems. The proposed amendments are intended to integrate the concept of sustainability into the SRF Policy consistent with State Water Board Resolution No. 2005-0006. The State Water Board will immediately begin accepting new applications and resume processing those applications that were previously under review. For more information, please go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>



Air Quality Permits

EPA Region 9 encourages tribes that want to build small power plants to consult with EPA early in the planning process to determine whether an air quality permit is required. The need for a permit depends on the size of the plant, the potential emissions of the plant (without consideration of air pollution controls) and where the plant will be located. The likelihood that a permit will be required is higher in areas where the air quality is not meeting federal air quality standards, i.e. non-attainment areas. Tribes that want to construct power plants in the following California counties (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino) should be especially aware of the possibility that a permit will be required prior to construction or operation of the plant, since the permitting thresholds based on potential emissions are lower than in other areas. If a permit is required, it takes EPA between 6 to 12 months to issue a final permit after a complete application has been submitted. Since construction of a new plant cannot start until after the permit has been issued, it is important to start this process as soon as possible after it is known that a permit is required. If you have questions or need to get an applicability determination from EPA Region 9, contact Roger Kohn, kohn.roger@epa.gov or (415) 972-3973 or Gerardo Rios rios.gerardo@epa.gov or (415) 972-3974.



Composting Programs

EPA's latest Tribal Waste Journal focusing on tribal composting programs is now in print and available on EPA's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/tribal/pdf/twj-4.pdf>. The journal highlights tribes that are making great strides in solid waste management through composting. Read about how these tribes started their composting programs to divert waste, save on waste disposal costs, and nourish land and tradition.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

Region 9's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) provides training to tribal governments on investigations of environmental crimes. CID can provide a short presentation on who they are and what they do, or they can provide more detailed classroom training for police officers and regulators on what to look for in environmental investigations. CID can also recommend tribal officers to a two-week training for environmental investigators at the Law Enforcement Academy in Georgia. Tribes wishing to request this training should contact Pam Overman, Tribal Program Office, at (415) 972-3781 or overman.pamela@epa.gov.

Corporation for National and Community Services

The AmeriCorp has volunteers that are available to work with tribes. For more information, please visit the following Web site:

<http://www.nationalservice.org/partners/become/americorps.html>

Lead Hazards

The Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point Tribe of Maine has a tribal-based environmental protection Web site <http://www.tbep.net> on products that were developed to educate children and their parents on lead hazards. Please feel free to browse and download any of these products. Also look at the Lead Tracker Teachers Manual at <http://www.tbep.net/LEADTRACKER/index.htm>.

The Penobscot Indian Nation has developed a curriculum in conjunction with the University of Connecticut Continuing Education program for 3- 4th graders which encourages students to look out for lead hazards as well as steps to take to minimize exposure to lead. This product is available in English and Spanish. Please feel free to download the manual in PDF formats <http://www.tbep.net/MotherBear/index.htm>. For more information, please call (617)-918-1524 or fax (617)-918-0524.

Community Health Air Pollution Information System (CHAPIS)

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has developed an internet-based mapping tool that allows a look at a map to view sources of air pollution. This system makes information regarding air pollution emissions available in ways that are visual and easy to understand. The air pollutant emission information contained in CHAPIS is for general information. Please consult your local air district for the most recent data available for specific facilities. The CARB should be contacted regarding mobile source emissions. For more information, visit: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/chapis1/chapis1.htm>

Humboldt Bay Environmental Technology Hostel

This will be a first-of-its-kind environmental technology hostel to be built and operated in cooperation with Hosteling International – SA, Humboldt State University, the City of Arcata, and the Center for Environmental Economic Development and the Ford Foundation. The hostel is designed for the study, research and teaching of sustainable design and environmental technology. One of its objectives is to provide a replicable and adaptable model for hostels and communities throughout the world. Go to <http://www.ceedweb.org/arcatahostel> for more information.

Job openings



The Smith River Rancheria has an opening for a Director of Environmental Programs. The person hired will oversee the protection of the environment located on and around the Smith River Rancheria's land base. The incumbent reports directly to the Tribal Administrator and works closely with local, state, federal, private sector agencies as well as the general public on sensitive environmental issues that affect the local area and its surrounding communities. Applications must be in by 5:00 p.m., September 15, 2005. For more information, please call

the Smith River Rancheria/Lucky 7 Casino Human Resources Department at 1 (866) 777-7170 ext. 143 or online at www.lucky7casino.com.

The Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut is looking for a new administrator (director) for their environmental department. Salary is approximately \$75k-\$100k, depending on experience. Applicants should submit their resumes to Dale White, General Counsel, via fax at (860) 862-6122 or via email at dwhite@moheganmail.com.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) has an opening for an environmental specialist in water quality. Please submit your resume to Ondrea S. Barber, SRPMIC – Human Resources Dept., 10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256 or email ondrea.barber@SRMPIC-nsn.gov. This position will remain open until filled.

The Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program has an opening for a circuit rider in Indian Country on the Navajo Nation. Tasks include, but are not limited to, program capacity building, tank removal oversight, providing compliance assistance to Underground Storage Tank owners/operators and tribal environmental staff, data collection and maintenance; and providing leaking underground storage tank (LUST) investigations and support. In general, help support Navajo Nation EPA (NNEPA) program objectives. This unique opportunity is for individuals age 55 and over support the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through a grant sponsored by the National Older Worker Career Center (NOWCC). No fees are involved. Benefits include vacation, holiday, sick leave pay & health insurance. Computer skills required. Visit <http://www.nowcc.org> for detailed information and how to apply or call Connie Peyton, NOWCC SEE Program, (303) 238-0022.

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

Please visit the tribal resource Web page at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>



<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/solid/indianwaste.html>